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OF THE

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TO THE

TENTH SESSION

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.

MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

VERMILLION, D. T., Dec. 31st, 1872.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of Dakota Territory:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of law defining the duties of the Territorial Treasurer, I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements in this office for the years 1871 and 1872; being a full and complete statement of the financial transactions of this department during that period, and showing the condition of the treasury at the close of that period and at this date.

The balance in the treasury, on the 31st day of December, 1870; the amount received and paid out during the fiscal term commencing January 1st, 1871, and ending December 31st, 1872, and the balance now in the treasury, are shown by the following brief exhibit:

No. 1.

STATEMENT

Showing the receipts and disbursements of the treasury during the fiscal term commencing January 1st, 1871, and ending December 31st, 1872:

Balance in the treasury January 1st, 1871,	$79.36	
Receipts into the treasury during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1871,..	1,255.41	
Disbursements of the treasury during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1871.....		$1,287.24
Receipts of the treasury during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1872,..	1,895.07	
Disbursements of the treasury during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1872,.		1,613.21
Total receipts of the treasury during the fiscal years of 1871 and 1872, with the balance on hand January 1st, 1871.....	3,229.84	2,900.45
Balance in the treasury December 31st, '72,	329 39	

No. 2.

STATEMENT

Showing the receipts into the treasury from the different counties during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1871:

COUNTIES.	AMOUNT.
Union county,..	$566.31
Clay county,.....	191.00
Yankton county.....	451.40
Bon Homme county,....	16.70
Lincoln county,..	30.00
Total receipts for the year 1871,.....	$1,255.41

No. 3.

STATEMENT

Showing the receipts into the treasury from the different counties during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1872:

COUNTIES.	AMOUNT.
Union county,	$625.50
Clay county,	524.09
Yankton county,	605.05
Bon Homme county,	50.61
Lincoln county,	89.82
Total receipts for the year 1872,	$1,895.07

No. 4.

STATEMENT

Showing the disbursements of the treasury for the fiscal term commencing January 1st, 1871, and ending December 31st, 1872:

ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
Territorial Treasurer,	$150.00
Territorial Auditor,	150.00
Superintendent of Public Instruction,	242.00
Clerkships,	529.00
Commissioner of Immigration,	999.80
Printing,	279.17
Miscellaneous,	550.48
Total disbursements,	$2,900.45
Disbursements for 1871,	1,287.24
Disbursements for 1872,	1,613.21
Warrants issued in 1871 and 1872,	2,595.37
Warrants issued prior to 1871,	295.26
Interest on warrants,	9.82
Total disbursements as above,	$2,900.45

No. 5.

STATEMENT

Showing assessed valuation of the several counties as returned by the Register of Deeds of each county:

COUNTIES.	ASSESSMENT 1871.	TERRITORIAL TAX. RATE 1½ MILLS.
Union,.....	$771,032.00	$1,156.54
Clay,.....	540,017.00	810.00
Yankton,.....	839,381.00	1,259.07
Bon Homme,..	130,184.00	195.27
Lincoln,.....	82,998.29	124.49
Minnehaha,...	63,875.00	95.80
Total for 1871,.	$2,427,487.29	$3,641.17

No. 6.

STATEMENT

Showing the assessed valuation of the several counties as returned by the Register of Deeds of each county:

COUNTIES.	ASSESSMENT 1872.	TERRITORIAL TAX. RATE ONE MILL.
Union,.....	$750,689.00	$750.68-9
Clay,.....	573,035.00	573.03-5
Yankton,.....	1,317,839.00	1,317.83-9
Lincoln,.....	151,348.00	151.34-8
Minnehaha,...	129,579.00	129.57-9
Turner,.....	30,359.70	30.35-9
Brookings,...	7,071.00	7.07-1
Total,.....	$2,959,920.70	$2,959.92-0
Total 1871,...	2,427,487.29	3,641.17-0
Total for '71-72	$5,387,407.99	$6,601.09-0

By an examination of Statement No. 6, it will be seen that the total Territorial tax for the years 1871 and 1872 is, $6,-601.09.

Of this amount there has been paid into the treasury $3,-150.48; less than one-half the amount assessed.

Also by examination of Statement No's. 2 and 3, it will be seen that of the eight organized counties making returns of assessment, but five have reported to the Treasurer in 1871 and five in 1872.

The Treasurer would therefore recommend that Legislative action be taken in regard to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. SLOAN,

Treasurer Dakota Territory.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
BIG SIOUX, December 31, 1872.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of Dakota Territory:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the statute approved Jan. 15, 1869, I have the honor to submit the following report of the financial transactions and condition of the Territory during the fiscal term, commencing Jan. 1st, 1871, and ending Dec. 31st, 1872.

You will find the following items embraced in the report, viz:

1. A detailed statement of warrants drawn on the Treasury for the past two years, and for what purpose.

2. A statement of all insurance companies doing business in the Territory of Dakota, in 1871 and 1872.

EXHIBIT "A."

STATEMENT

Of warrants issued by Auditor, from Jan. 1st, 1871, to Dec. 31st, 1872:

1871.	NO.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	FOR WHAT ISSUED.
Jan. 7	96	54 00	James S. Foster	Superintendent Public Instruction.
" 9	97	115 90	H. J. Brisbine	Convey prisoner to penitentiary.
" 13	98	120 00	A. W. Howard	Enrolling Clerk, Legislature 1870–71.
" 13	99	120 00	Carl Christenson	" " " "
" 17	100	30 00	Geo. T. Rea	Secretary of Council, 1870–71.
" 17	101	30 00	H. C. Green	Ass't Sec'y of " "
" 17	102	30 00	Geo. I. Foster	Chief Clerk House, "
" 17	103	30 00	C. B. Valentine	Ass't " " "
Feb. 10	104	5 00	R. B. Keeler	Preparing abstracts of entered lands.
Mar. 21	105	22 00	Stone & Kingsbury	Printing Envelopes & Letter Heads.
" 21	106	12 00	" "	" 1000 " for Com. Immigration.
" 21	107	9 00	" "	100 Envelopes, 120 Certificates for Auditor.
" 21	108	2 40	" "	Printing notice of location of Auditor's office.
" 21	109	14 00	A. H. Cook	Traveling expenses, 140 miles.
Apr. 1	110	12 50	G. W. Kellogg	Salary as Auditor, quarter ending April 1st.
" 1	111	6 25	" "	Office rent for Auditor.
" 27	112	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary as Treasurer, quarter ending April 1st.
" 27	113	6 25	" "	Office rent for Treasurer.
" 29	114	150 00	James S. Foster	500 copies History of Dakota.
May 3	115	38 00	B. F. Campbell	List of entered lands at U. S. Office.
" 23	116	15 00	John Morris	Attending on board of equalization of taxes.
" 23	117	15 00	" "	" " " "

EXHIBIT "A,"—Continued.

1871.	NO.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	FOR WHAT ISSUED.
May 23	118	15 00	T. J. Sloan	Attending on board of equalization of taxes.
" 23	119	18 00	Geo. W. Kellogg	" " " "
June 5	120	7 82	Stone & Kingsbury	Printing Letter Heads, &c., for Auditor.
" 23	121	12 00	" "	" " " Treasurer.
" 23	122	12 00	" "	" " " Superintendent.
" 28	123	4 25	P. C. Waldron	Express charges on books.
" 28	124	5 00	Geo. W. Black	Extra service as Enrolling Clerk.
July 1	125	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary of Treasurer, quarter ending June 30.
" 1	126	6 25	" "	Office rent. etc.
" 1	127	1 20	" "	Notice of Treasurer's office.
" 1	128	12 50	Geo. W. Kellogg	Salary as Auditor, quarter ending June 30.
" 1	129	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc. " " "
Aug. 10	130	25 00	P. C. Waldron	Express charges on books.
Sept.	131	9 90	Frank O. Wisner	Printing Letter Heads, &c., for Auditor.
Oct. 2	132	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary as Treasurer, quarter ending Sept. 30.
" 2	133	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " "
" 2	134	12 50	Geo. W. Kellogg	Salary as Auditor, " " "
" 2	135	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " "
" 24	136	200 00	James S. Foster	Publishing pamphlet in Scandinavian language.
" 24	137	78 30	" "	261 copies of History of Dakota.
" 24	138	37 50	" "	125 " " "
Nov. 18	139	20 00	Stone & Kingsbury	200 text books, 250 reports for Superintendent.
" 18	140	7 15	Perry Waldron	Express charges on books.
1872				
Jan. 1	141	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary as Treasurer, quarter ending Dec. 30.
" 1	142	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " "

EXHIBIT "A,"—Continued.

1872.	NO.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	FOR WHAT ISSUED.
Jan. 1	143	12 50	Geo. W. Kellogg	Salary as Auditor, quarter ending Dec. 30.
" 1	144	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " "
" 22	145	8 00	Courier Co.	Printing for Auditor's office.
Feb. 26	146	7 50	Stone & Kingsbury	Printing notice for immigration agent.
Apr. 20	147	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary, quarter ending March 31, 1872.
" 20	148	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " "
" 20	149	1 80	" "	Book for Treasurer's office.
" 20	150	12 50	Geo. W. Kellogg	Salary as Auditor, quarter ending March 31, '72.
" 20	151	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " " "
" 20	152	100 00	James S. Foster	334 Histories of Dakota.
" 20	153	100 00	" "	334 " "
" 20	154	100 00	" "	334 " "
" 20	155	100 00	" "	334 " "
May 27	156	84 00	Stone & Kingsbury	Printing 482 copies Sup'ts report.
" 27	157	5 00	G. S. Agersborg	Furnishing abstracts of entered lands.
July 1	158	6 25	Geo. W. Kellogg	Office rent, etc.
" 1	159	12 50	" "	Salary as Auditor, quarter ending June 30, '72.
" 12	160	12 50	T. J. Sloan	" Treasurer, " " " "
" 12	161	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc. " " " "
" 12	162	100 00	Geo. A. Batchelder	Caring for Territorial Library 1871.
" 16	163	11 00	McIntyre & Foster	300 blank Ins. statements, etc., for Auditor.
Aug. 20	164	50 00	Ed. S. McCook	Taking care of library six months.
" 20	165	12 00	Arthur Linn	Publishing notice of text books.
" 20	166	40 00	B. F. Campbell	Furnishing abstracts of entered lands.
" 20	167	4 90	P. C. Waldron	Express charges on books.
" 20	168	5 00	Chas. H. True	100 copies of Dakota Republican.

EXHIBIT "A,"—Continued.

1872.	NO.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	FOR WHAT ISSUED.
Oct. 16	169	12 50	Stone & Kingsbury	100 blank abstracts and envelopes.
" 16	170	25 00	Thyge Dahl	Subscription to Norwegian pamphlet.
Nov. 28	171	3 00	Stone & Kingsbury	Publishing notice of Treasurer's office.
" 29	172	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary as Treasurer, quarter ending Sept. 30, '72.
" 29	173	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " " "
" 29	174	6 25	Geo. W. Kellogg	" " " " " " "
" 29	175	12 50	" "	Salary as Auditor " " " "
Dec. 9	176	1 25	Ed. S. McCook	Express charges on maps.
" 27	177	10 00	Taylor & Singiser	Printing abstracts of assessment.
" 27	178	13 50	Chas. H. True	Publishing advertisement of Com. Immigration.
" 27	179	7 50	" "	" notice of Territorial equalization.
" 27	180	10 00	John Brennan	100 copies of "Southern Dakota."
" 27	181	13 50	Wm. L. H. Owens	Publishing advertisement of Com. Immigration.
" 31	182	12 50	T. J. Sloan	Salary as Treasurer, quarter ending Dec. 31, '72.
" 31	183	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " " "
" 31	184	12 50	Geo. W. Kellogg	Salary as Auditor, " " " "
" 31	185	6 25	" "	Office rent, etc., " " " "
" 31	186	2 25	Ed. S. McCook	Express charges on books.
" 31	187	2 75	John Pinckney	Books for Auditor's office.
" 31	188	43 00	James S. Foster	Services at Teacher's Institute.
" 31	189	25 50	" "	50 copies Union & Dakotaian.
" 31	190	100 00	" "	Services as Superintendent.
" 31	191	25 00	Nathan Ford	Services at Teacher's Institute.
" 31	192	6 00	Stephen Flick	Making report to Treasurer in 1871.
Total....		2595 37		

EXHIBIT "B."

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The following Insurance Companies having complied with the requirements of our law, by filing the necessary statements in this office, were duly authorized to transact business in the Territory during the year 1871:

LIFE COMPANIES.

Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio,
St. Louis,	St. Louis, Mo.,
N. Y. Mutual,	New York.

FIRE AND MARINE.

Phœnix,	Hartford, Conn.,
Putnam,	" "
Hartford,	" "
Yonkers,	New York,
Home,	" "
Continental,	" "
State,	Missouri,
Underwriters,	New York,
Ætna,	Hartford, Conn.,
American,	Chicago, Ill.,
Home,	Columbus, Ohio,
Great Western,	Chicago, Ill.

The following Insurance Companies were authorized to do business in the Territory during the year 1872:

LIFE COMPANIES.

Mutual,	New York, N. Y.,
New York Mutual,	" " "
Union Central,	Cincinnati, Ohio,
New England,	
North Western,	Milwaukee, Wis.,

FIRE AND MARINE.

American,	Chicago, Ill.,
Phœnix,	Hartford, Conn.,
Hartford,	" "
Underwriters,	New York, N. Y.,
Farmers,	Freeport, Ill.,
North British Mercantile,	London,
Continental,	New York, N. Y.,
German,	Freeport, Ill.,
Home,	Columbus, Ohio,
St. Paul,	St. Paul, Minn.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of claims presented during the fiscal year, 1871	$ 964 45
Amount of claims presented during the fiscal year, 1872	1630 92
Amount of claims audited, and warrants issued during the fiscal year, 1871	964 45
Amount of claims audited, and warrants issued during the fiscal year, 1872	1630 92
Total amount of warrants issued	2595 37

Assessment rolls and blanks with the rate of Territorial tax, were sent to the Registers of Deeds of the several organized counties in the Territory, as required by law. The Registers of Deeds from the following counties, made returns of property assessed in each year, as follows:

1871.	1872.
Union,	Union,
Clay,	Clay,
Yankton,	Yankton,
Bon Homme,	Brookings,
Lincoln,	Lincoln,
Minnehaha,	Minnehaha,
	Turner.

Before closing this report, I would respectfully suggest to the Honorable Legislative Assembly, that it will be seen, by referring to the above list, that all the organized counties have not made returns of assessment to the Auditor, as required by law.

Therefore, I would respectfully recommend that more stringent laws be passed compelling officers of that department to faithfully perform their duties.

I would also recommend that the salary of the Auditor and Treasurer be increased.

Respectfully, your Ob't Servant,

GEO. W. KELLOGG,

Auditor of Dakota Territory.

THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.

The portion of country embraced in the Territory of Dakota, undoubtedly contains the greatest compact body, and the most valuable agricultural lands now belonging to the government of the United States, and open to settlement under the provisions of the Pre-emption and Homestead Laws. The great agricultural sections of Kansas and Nebraska have been absorbed by the hundreds of thousands of settlers, who have been pouring into those States within the past five years, until the settlements have passed beyond the fertile belt, and are now encroaching upon a section of country unfitted for the growth of grain. But in Dakota there are millions of acres unclaimed, which possess all the fertile properties of the best of western land. To this vast domain the future tide of emigration will be directed, and in a very few years, should the general prosperity of the Nation suffer no diminution, the population of Dakota will be increased to hundreds of thousands.

Confidently anticipating an unprecedented growth in population and material wealth, we await the future with bright hopes—a future that will enable Dakota to lay off its temporary form of government, and take on the garments of statehood; a near future that will find our millions of now unproductive lands, dotted with cultivated fields and happy homes.

The signs of the times indicate a prosperous era for Dakota, in which may prosperity and health attend our pioneers.